

ASTERIAS PAPPOSA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus depressum : crusta subcoriacea, tentaculis muricata.

Os centrale.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1092.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ASTERIAS stellata, radiis tredecim, undique muricata fasciculis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 1098.

Stella marina Americana dodecactis crispula.

Seb. mus. 1. p. 15. t. 8. fig. 5.

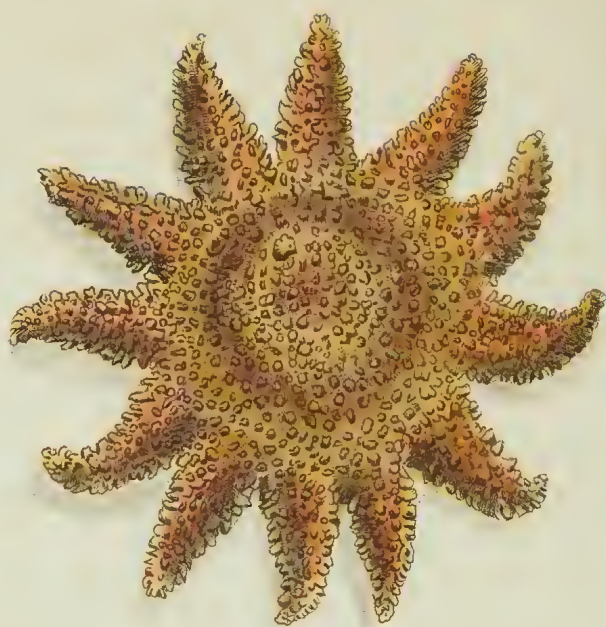
Dodecactis reticulata in dorso.

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In genere Asteriadum plurimæ continentur species. Ex illis quæ in oris Britannicis innascuntur præcipuam selegimus, cui interdum duplo vel etiam triplo latior est diametros quam in tabula ostenditur. Color generalis e flavo rubet, subtus pallidior. Diversa tamen specimina colorem habent rubrum plus minus saturatum, interdum fere subfuscum. Radios numerat hæc species plerumque tredecim, interdum tantum duodecim. Non desunt tamen exempla vel quindecim radiorum.







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THE
TWELVE-RAYED ASTERIAS.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body depressed; covered with a coriaceous crust
muriated with tentacula.

Mouth central, five-valved.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

ASTERIAS with twelve or thirteen rays, and
the surface entirely muriated with short
fascicular processes.

TWELVE-RAYED SEA-STAR.

Pennant Brit. Zool. 4. p. 56. No. 72.

The species of Star-Fish are extremely numerous. Of those which are natives of the coasts of Britain the present is the most conspicuous, and is sometimes found of twice or thrice the diameter of the figure represented on the plate. Its color is a yellowish red above, and paler beneath; but different specimens vary as to intensity of color, some being of a deep or dusky red. The number of rays is commonly thirteen; sometimes twelve, as in the present specimen, and sometimes as far as fifteen.